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The Honorable Glenn English Chairman Government Information, Justice and Agriculture Subcommittee Government Operations Committee House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Director Webster has asked me to respond to your request of 9 March 1988 that the Agency preserve documents which relate to the preparation of a national strategy for anti-drug abuse.

I believe the strategy paper you are referring to was prepared by the Rational Drug Policy Board, and not the CIA. Nevertheless, the National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics, Bill Kctapish, has been informed of your request and he will take appropriate steps within his office to preserve documents relevant to your request. Other components in the Agency likely to have relevant documents have also been alerted to preserve those documents.

	Sincerely,
	// John L. Helgerson
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Per Debra Harnesburger, Glenn English's office to hold off response until further notice.

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March 9, 1988

The Honorable William H. Webster Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

Dear Director Webster:

The Subcommittee on Government Information, Justice, and Agriculture is conducting an investigation concerning the National Drug Policy Board and the national strategy for antidrug abuse efforts. One of the key matters pertinent to this investigation is the strategy paper on this subject prepared by your department. In order to avoid destruction of documents for this investigation, we are notifying you to preserve your final or latest version of your strategy paper; any drafts, including those in word processor memories or other electronic form; and any record of comments or responses to any version.

You and your department should be aware that the destruction of records, once notice has been given of the pendency of an investigation, may carry grave penalties. Such document destruction has been held to constitute obstruction of Congress violating section 1505 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code. That section provides that "Whoever corruptly . . . endeavors to influence, obstruct, or impede . . . the due and proper exercise of the power of inquiry under which any inquiry or investigation is being had by . . . any committee of either House . . . of the Congress--[s]hall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both."

Please inform the subcommittee that the appropriate personnel of your department have been notified to preserve the strategy documents and provide us with their names and titles.

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Sincerely

Glenn English Chairman B-2/3-M